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## Announce Speakers For Associated Church Press Convention

Grand Rapids, Mich.—(RNS)—Eight speakers will address the three-day meeting of the Associated Church Press at Philadelphia, April 3-5, it was announced here by Dr. Bernard J. Mulder, editor of the Church Herald, and president of the group, which is composed of editors and other officials of Protestant journals.

The speakers are: Dr. A. L. Warnshuis of New York, foreign counsellor of the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction, whose topic will be "What I Saw in Europe"; Bishop Edwin F. Lee of Washington, director of the Army and Navy Chaplains Commission, on "The Soldier and the Sailor Tomorrow"; Dr. Walter Van Kirk of New York, secretary of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace, and NBC religious news commentator, on "As a Newsmen Sees the Church Press."

Also, Dr. Channing Tobias of New York, senior secretary for Colored Work of the YMCA, on "What Does Racial Equality Mean?"; John G. Ramsay of Columbus, Ohio, public relations director of the United Steel Workers of America, on "Labor and the Church"; Dr. M. Searle Bates of New Haven, Conn., missionary and professor, on "Today's Issues in Religious Liberty"; William Hoeft of New York, business manager of Time Magazine, on "Appraising the Church Press"; and Dr. Harold Fey of Chicago, associated editor of the Christian Century, on "The Roman vs. the Protestant Press."



"Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never put His feet inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

"While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying, and that was His coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave, through the pity of a friend.

"Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today He still is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the columns of humanity!

"I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings and dictators that ever reigned put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as that One Solitary Life."—Author Unknown.

## Blue Mountain Endowment Lacks Several Thousand Dollars

Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, treasurer of the Blue Mountain College endowment campaign, advises that, including the amount received by his office and the amount reported as received by the Baptist Foundation, the campaign still lacks several thousand dollars of reaching the goal. He adds, however, that it is known that some churches have obtained amounts and have not remitted them and others are taking their offerings in March. Too, some churches have indicated that they would include this cause in their 1945 budgets, but have not advised of the amount.

A statement of the total obtained will be given in April. It is hoped when all returns are in that the full amount will be in hand and further effort on this campaign will be unnecessary.

Churches and individuals wishing to

have a part in this effort will make their cooperation increasingly effective by doing so within the next fortnight.

## April Is Church Emphasis Month

April will be emphasized as "Church Emphasis Month" by many churches and newspapers in the state of Mississippi. This program will be a cooperative one and will have just one purpose: To place the life of the church before all the people in the state.

The original impetus for this program came from a meeting of the Rural Church Committee of the Mississippi.

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## April Is Clothing Collection Month

M. E. Dodd, General Director  
Evangelistic Crusade, Shreveport, La.

Mr. Henry J. Kaiser, national chairman for the United National Clothing Collection, called a meeting of the national committee which was held recently in the White House with Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt as hostess.

Former Governor Herbert H. Lehman of New York, who is director general of the United National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA), who had just returned from his duties in Europe, was present to explain the campaign.

The campaign will be conducted from April 1-30 with the object of collecting 150,000,000 pounds of clothing, bedding and shoes.

### The Need is Urgent

No one could listen to the stories of Governor Lehman, revealing the tragic conditions of millions of men, women and children in the devastated areas of Europe, without feeling a deep and strong urge to do everything possible to relieve their distress.

Each community is asked to organize and conduct its own campaign. The need is desperate, the time is short. This united campaign will eliminate the necessity for various individual appeals.

I would like to urge all Southern Baptist pastors and church members, especially Women's Missionary Societies to cooperate to the fullest possible extent with the local committee in the promotion of this campaign to a successful conclusion.

If further information is desired, address Dan A. West, Executive Director, 100 Maiden Lane, New York 5, New York.

## Boy Saved In Fence Corner--Memphis Pastor Gives Experience

By Robert G. Lee

One morning when I was a boy the preacher preached a sermon which I think now must have been on the subject, "The Gates of Heaven." In the sermon he asked, "If the gates of heaven were opened, would you enter?"

The question startled me. I knew that if the gates of heaven were opened that day I could not enter, because I could not claim to be a Christian boy.

That night the preacher's text was, "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called the Christ?" He said very simply and earnestly that to accept Christ as Saviour meant heaven, that to reject Him as Saviour meant hell.

### Slipped Out the Window

I went home that night with the

most wretched feeling. I could not sleep. I got up in the night, slipped out of the window that opened on the back porch, and went down to the moonlit watermelon patch. It was a beautifully clear night, and I thought of the heaven beyond the stars and of the hell somewhere in some vast region below.

At the breakfast table next morning, my mother said, "Son, you look like you didn't sleep much last night."

"No, ma'am," I said. "I didn't."

"What is the matter?"

"I feel awfully sinful," I admitted.

### In the Fence Corner

I had to plow that day. My misery grew until finally I drove out to the end of a long row and dropped the plow line down by the side of Barney, my old white mule. I got down in

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## -Sparks & Splinters-

We, the members of the Strong River Baptist Church, Simpson county, Miss., do hereby agree to assemble ourselves together on the night following the day that Germany falls, for the specific purpose of offering prayer and thanksgiving to our Master for the victory and asking for the continued guidance of our Master in winning over Japan and we further pray that the chosen representatives of all the nations may be guided by the principles of Christianity in drawing up of the peace terms. We further urge that every church throughout our state and nation meet and do like? wise regardless of creed or color.

Raleigh, N. C.—(RNS)—Myron Taylor's presence at the Vatican as President Roosevelt's personal representative was defended here by Dr. Broadus Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church, in a sermon discussing "Contributions the Catholics Have Made to Religion."

Barber—Will you have anything on your face after I've finished shaving you, sir? Patron—It doesn't seem likely.

Atchafalaya Baptist Mission, Plaquemine, La., recently received its largest single contribution. It was a check for \$1,306 from Temple church, Ruston, La. This is in addition to the regular monthly contribution of \$50. Dr. C. L. McKay, former pastor at Flora, is pastor of the church.

His many friends will regret to hear that Dr. John W. Gaines, retired president of Bethel College, Hopkinsville, Ky., died Sunday night, March 4, at a Phillipsburg, Pa., hospital following an extended illness. For 21 years he was president of Bethel College, Ky.

Mrs. W. E. Lee and Mrs. Fred Barham have organized a Girls Auxiliary in the Crenshaw church. Their gifts to the Annie W. Armstrong offering amounted to \$5.15.—Reporter.

Rev. Lee McIntyre has resigned at Brooksville and accepted the field composed of Mt. Vernon and Artesia in Lowndes county.

Rev. J. H. Cothen did the preaching in the revival at Good Hope church, Perry county. eW had large crowds because we furnished transportation for those who had no way to come. There were 62 additions, 40 for baptism. This is the third meeting which Brother Cothen has held for us.—T. W. Hembree, pastor.

Daleville church has changed from one afternoon service a month to two under the leadership of Pastor W. B. Abel. We give 15% of our net income to the Cooperative Program. Our Sunday school, Training Union and Missionary Society are all active. We write once a week to our eight boys who are in the service.—Mrs. M. G. Williams, church clerk.

The Baptist Church at Forest Hill, Louisiana, Rev. Bob Wilson, pastor, is the first in the south to report that they have reached their evangelistic goal for the year. Their goal was 50 and they reached it at ten o'clock Saturday night, March 10. Many others have been received since then.

Rev. H. P. Porter of McComb is teaching the book "In Our Hands," at Southwest Junior College, Summit, during the month of March. The regular spring revival is scheduled for March 26-30. Rev. James C. Penson of Osyka is to do the preaching.

The W. M. U. of Agricola church has sent in \$51.10 for their offering for Home Missions, ports the pastor, G. L. Taylor.

John S. Rester, treasurer of Union church, Pearl River Association, recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions. It is such friends as these that have put The Baptist Record circulation over the 50,000 mark.

Rev. Z. A. Polk, pastor of Big Level church, Stone county, recently sent a list of more than one-half the resident families and stated that they had gone to full time and hope before long to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

In connection with his full time work at Bruce, Rev. L. F. Haire is serving the church at Banner, Calhoun county.

Rev. Guy Little recently sent a nice list of subscriptions from Goodwater church.

Although written for Juniors, older people will get a thrill from reading "Heroes of Home Missions" by Willie Jean Stewart and published by the Home Mission Board. Each of the ten chapters concerns some early home missionary.

A faithful friend of The Baptist Record is Miss Anna Woodruff of Courtland. As usual she has sent in a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions. Rev. J. H. Sherman is pastor.

Charleston: Total offerings for February were \$1,033. The building fund now totals \$13,000. The W. M. U. has contributed \$325 to the Annie W. Armstrong offering for Home Missions.

Moorhead: Seven Sunday school pupils were converted March 18. Five of them united with the church. The others will come later. There was one addition by letter.—O. P. Moore, pastor.

If you have good clothing that your boy or girl has outgrown, why not send same to the orphanage? They have boys and girls all ages and sizes. Remember the orphanage wants only clothing that has been outgrown and still usable, not clothing that has been worn out.

Mrs. J. M. Box of Water Valley not only renews her own subscription, but includes money to pay for her grandson, James P. Box, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco.

Mrs. G. H. Fry of Boyle asks us to send the Record to a friend of hers and says: "The Record has been a blessing to me and I know this friend will love it, because she is a Baptist."

Lloyd C. Hopkins, superintendent of the Sunday school at Harmony church, Tippah county, sends a list of 22 new subscriptions to The Baptist Record.

John K. Bailey, now serving the U. S. S. Kenmore somewhere in the Pacific, writes to express his appreciation of The Baptist Record. Before entering the armed service in July 1943 he was a regular attendant of Peach Creek church, Panola county. His membership is still at Peach Creek.

Johnston Station: Under the leadership of Pastor B. E. Craft the church has begun having full-time preaching service. The B. T. U. study course just recently closed was attended by an average of 48. Dr. J. Wash Watts of B. B. I. is to lead in the spring revival.

The Y. M. C. A. of Rochester, New York has accepted a gift of \$30,000 from the Brewers' Exchange of the city.

Cleveland, Miss., March 15—Governor Thomas L. Bailey will deliver the baccalaureate address at the eighteenth annual commencement at Delta State Teachers College on Thursday morning, May 31, at 10 o'clock. Dr. Plautus I. Lipsey, prominent Baptist minister and editor, will preach the commencement sermon on Sunday morning, May 27, at 11 o'clock. Dr. Lipsey, for many years editor of The Baptist Record, is now retired and lives in Clinton.

Sunshine and Shadows (35c) is a book of good poems by Dr. E. P. Alldredge, secretary of survey, statistics and information, Baptist Sunday School Board. The book is divided into five parts: Shadowed World; Enchanted Trees; Radiant Faith; Song Lyrics and Love Lyrics. Dr. Alldredge has put himself into these poems and poetry lovers will miss much if they fail to read and reread this book. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

By preaching four times each Sunday, Pastor B. E. Craft has full-time preaching at both his churches, Montgomery and Johnston Station. Each of these churches has the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record.

Recently I preached in a revival at the Allapattah church, Miami, Florida, of which Dr. Henry Allen Parker is pastor. We had 93 additions, 65 of whom were for baptism. On the last Sunday of the revival there were 1,014 in attendance upon the Sunday school. This was one of 19 churches in Miami participating in simultaneous revivals. My return trip was made by plane in less than 12 hours.—Leon Macon, West Point.

Mercer University of Macon, Georgia, is the recipient of gifts totalling \$600,000 for endowing a School of Christianity. The donors were Columbus Roberts of Columbus, Ga., and William Riley Curry of Shellman, Ga. These gifts constitute one-half of a total of \$1,200,000 pledged in connection with Mercer's campaign for one million dollars of new endowment. Dr. Spright Dowell is president of Mercer.

Montgomery church, Lincoln county will begin their revival soon with Evangelist J. A. Barnhill of Jackson doing the preaching. Almost enough money has been raised to construct a new building which will be adequate for Sunday school and Training Union program.—B. E. Craft, pastor.

Rev. J. H. Sherman, pastor at Courtland, Miss., has accepted the call of the missionary committee of Calhoun and Pontotoc counties and will become promotional pastor to begin May 1. He plans to live at Bruce.

Pastor C. E. James writes that he is enjoying the work at Hermanville and Pattison. Both churches recently gave a nice pantry shower for the pastor.

"Bible Games" is just what the title suggests. They are interesting and instructive. The author is Mabel H. Hansen, Litt. D. and the publisher is Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich. The price is 35c and orders should be sent to the publisher or the Baptist Book Store.

The spring revival meeting of the Belzoni Baptist Church will be held May 6-13. The visiting evangelist for the meeting is to be Dr. Swan Haworth, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, Miss. The song leader will be R. Inman Johnson, professor of public speech and music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Do you have a boy or girl in your home? If so, you are not finding it easy to purchase clothing for them. Especially for the growing Junior or Intermediate boy. The Orphanage is experiencing this same difficulty with their large number of boys and girls. While making plans for your own children for the spring and summer months, give a little thought to the many boys and girls of the Orphanage.

Dr. E. LeRoy Dakin, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and now interpreter to the churches for the National Service Board calls attention to a resolution adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta in 1944. The resolution urged Southern Baptist churches to send Dr. Austin Crouch, Nashville, Tenn., any funds they will for the support of the 39 Southern Baptist young men who are, or have been in civilian public service camps for conscientious objectors.

Mr. Judkins: This good cake; is it expensive? Mrs. Judkins: Not at all. It's sponge cake. I sponged the milk from the Smiths, the eggs from the Browns and the flour from the Joneses.—Exchange.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record: J. A. Travis, Clinton; Rev. Van Hardin, Rolling Fork; Rev. James B. Ray and daughter, Janet, Blue Mountain; Rev. H. W. Shirley, Carthage; Rev. and Mrs. M. Glenn Smith, Goss; Rev. J. T. Holston, B. B. I.

Those in service are entitled to receive The Baptist Record at the same price they would pay if at home. Names may be added to the EVERY FAMILY list of churches at 8 1/3 cents per name per month.

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If you would like to make a cash offering to the Orphanage to help purchase an Easter outfit for some boy or girl this would be a fine thing.

Washington — (RNS) — Twenty-two Baptist congressmen have joined with 200 Baptist laymen of the District of Columbia to promote a pre-Easter revival program. Majority of the Baptist congressmen participating are Democrats from Southern states, although there is a scattering of Republicans from the Middle West.

Beacon, Laurel: We had Dr. Chas. L. McKay, of Temple church, Ruston, La., with us for revival during week of March 18-23. Church much revived, 18 additions. Bro. Joe Hudson led the singing.—P. F. Herring, pastor.

W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of University church, Abilene, Texas, has accepted a call from Immanuel church, Little Rock. Dr. Vaught is a Kentuckian by birth, and was educated at Mississippi Southern College and Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. He served several years as state Baptist student secretary in Missouri, and was pastor of Bethany church, Kansas City, before going to Texas. Immanuel church has been without a pastor since Dr. C. C. Warren left for Charlotte, N. C. December 1, 1943.

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# Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1. Cor. 13:8b

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them," Matthew 9:35-36.

## WE THANK THE EDITOR OF THE BAPTIST COURIER FOR THIS REFRESHING EDITORIAL THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

Now and then a church advertises itself as "The Friendly Church" as if there were something unusual or peculiar about the quality of friendliness in the life of a church. That may be true, but certainly it ought not to be. If any quality should be taken for granted as a general or universal characteristic of churches it should be the quality of friendliness, for friendliness is of the very genius of Christianity.

When Jesus called His disciples His friends He was with the same breath urging them to love one another and to abide in His love. Now, love is the soul of friendship and the word "friend" on the lips of Jesus was one of the words usually translated "love."

Friendship is one of the deep instinctive needs of every individual human soul. No individual is in himself a complete personality. Personality demands expression. Love must have an object. To love is as necessary as to be loved, if not more. The mind must exchange thoughts with other minds. The individual needs a listening ear and a sympathetic heart and an understanding mind. No man can live a full or a happy life without friends. Friendships are as necessary as bread and meat.

Such is human nature and such even more emphatically is the nature of the spiritual man. He is even more conscious of his dependence on his fellows for help. He needs sympathy and counsel and encouragement. He needs companionship and fellowship, the sense of comradeship in a common life. He needs the fellowship of giving and receiving, of expression and reception, of serving and being served.

The church exists to meet these needs of the individual soul. Something is wrong when an individual is lost in the multitude of the church. One great value of the small church is that every one can find a place in the family and a spiritual home for himself. The large churches necessarily tend to break up into groups, organizations and classes, because in them the individual finds opportunity for self-expression and personal contact and recognition. The church is failing if it fails to meet the personal spiritual needs of every individual member of the church family. The church should be a place where any human being could find friends. The church is an institution for the creation and cultivation and expression of friendship. For the Christian, moral qualities and graces are for the most part the very qualities that create genuine friendship—unselfishness, generosity, kindness, sympathy, helpfulness, faith, fidelity and brotherhood.

"PREACH THE WORD." II Tim. 4:2.

**Mississippi Baptists need to see:** Every church winning people to Christ all the year round! Every church training the saved! Every church giving support to Evangelism, State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Christian Education and Benevolences! Every church standing stoutly against sin and worldliness! Every church a preaching, teaching, training, praying, visiting, worshipping and giving station for Christ! Every church a loving church! Members loving each other, loving Christ, loving a lost world!

**Mississippi Baptists need:** A great state assembly! A radio station preaching the gospel the year round! A colportage service getting Bibles, gospels, tracts, good books and other good literature to people in the most remote sections! A strong B. S. U. department, Brotherhood department and music department (steps are being taken looking to this now)! Every association with a virile evangelistic and enlistment program! A dozen cities with a city mission program! Many branch Sunday schools! Many branch Vacation Bible schools! All church members attending every church service and having

a part in all the work of Christ!

Point out a church that is "fussy" and divided and put it down that the church in question is an unspiritual church.

Point out the church that is busy for the Lord, working away at spiritual things and you will find unity characterizing it.

We have seen a "fussy," "cranky," kicking horse. He never pulls much when he is thus. When he is really "in the collar" doing what a horse is for, he does not have time for the other.

Somebody is neglecting main things when you see a denomination strife-ridden.

## JESUS STILL SAYS, "FEAR NOT"

Jesus would never have entered so deeply into the heart of the world if He had not had the answer to human fear. There is certainly no trace of it in Him; and He has done more than all others combined to set men free from it.

The whole twelfth chapter of the Gospel of Luke is principally about fear—what to fear, and what not to fear. Let one study it for himself. Jesus tells us to fear hypocrisy, the judgment, and covetousness.

But He tells us not to fear death at the hands of others, or that God will not care for us, or what to say when haled before magistrates for being Christians, or that we shall not have enough to eat or wear, or for the future of the church. "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

He does tell us to fear sin and its consequences, and then not to fear any other thing on earth! If we keep our fears on the right things, it most assuredly will never spread to the wrong ones.

The spirit of fear is never born of God. Says Paul: "God gave us not the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Kipling wrote for a Canadian war memorial:

"We giving all gained all;

Neither lament us nor praise

Only in all things recall

It is fear, not death, that slays."

It is well ever to remember the answer to human fear, the conquest of it—and that Jesus said, and still says, "FEAR NOT."

"PREACH THE WORD." II Tim. 4:2.

Not often do we get to be with a church in revival for more than one year consecutively. We enjoyed being with Pastor T. W. Talkington and the other saints at Sumrall again this year. Fifty-one lost persons requested prayer and there were twenty-one professions of faith in the regular services. Dr. Talkington is one of the best prepared men in the state and a very fine Christian personality indeed. The church, the community, the school and surrounding countryside cooperated in splendid fashion.

"Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." We saw His blessings flow in abundant measure at Senatobia in revival services. Mr. W. F. Munday led four excellent choirs and the congregation in gospel singing. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Moore presided at the piano, and organ. Dr. H. L. Martin, always a tower of strength in our Mississippi Baptist life was nothing less as he led his own church in preparing for the revival season. He brought inspiration to us in our early days in the ministry as he taught in Bible institutes. He has been a great Board member. We have never met lovelier people than the Senatobia saints. The school and college cooperated 100%. Teachers, students, preachers and others did work in soul winning. Thirty-three asked for baptism, nine came by letter and six went to other churches, total—forty-eight.

## Miss. College Needs "Churches Of The New Testament"

Mississippi College is in great need of several copies of "The Churches of the New Testament," by Dr. George W. McDaniel. These books are needed for the college library.

Dr. Howard E. Spell states that the college will gladly pay for any copies available.

Interested parties are asked to write Dr. Spell at Clinton, the price they expect for the books and he will send payment after which the books can be mailed direct to the Mississippi College Library.

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L. H. Tapscott, educational director of the First church, Dallas, Texas, has been elected Brotherhood secretary of Texas. He succeeds R. A. Springer, who took care of the work in connection with his duties as treasurer of the Texas Baptist Convention.

"The Messianic Hope of Israel," by Max I. Reich of the Moody Bible Institute faculty is a book that will strengthen the faith of the Christian people. It emphasizes the wonderful promises concerning the coming Messiah and how these prophecies were confirmed. The publisher is the Moody Press, 153 Institute Place, Chicago 10, Ill., and the price is \$1.25. Orders should be sent to the publishers or to the Baptist Book Store.

**Pascagoula, First:** Our work here is going along just fine and I have never enjoyed such a period of happy and successful ministry as I have had since coming to Pascagoula, First church. We had our second Brotherhood supper meeting last Tuesday night and had 122 men present with a wonderful address from Charley St. John. Our Brotherhood set is a "free-lance" affair but the men take to it like ducks to water.—L. E. Green, pastor.

**Mother—Johnny,** how was it you have lower marks in January than December? Johnny—Oh, everything is marked down after the holidays.

## Dr. McCall Leads Sumrall Revival

Dr. D. A. McCall and Rev. Joe Hudson have just been with us at Sumrall in a good meeting. "Bro. Joe" is a splendid singer. Dr. McCall was at his best, both in sermon and in his travel-lectures.

In some very important respects we regard this the greatest meeting we have witnessed at this place. There was a good representation from a number of churches and communities.—T. W. Talkington, pastor.

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**New York—(RNS)—Cancellation of the annual meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention, which was expected to draw an attendance of 5,000 to Grand Rapids, Mich., May 22-27, was officially announced at the denomination's headquarters here. The general council was polled by mail and voted unanimously to cancel the sessions.**

Congratulations are due Mrs. Saucier and the Primary department of Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. They had 67 present out of an enrollment of 70. Visitation did it. John E. Barnes, Jr., is the pastor.

**Pittsburgh, Pa.—(RNS)—**When to visit a patient and when not to, is one of the first lessons learned by seniors at Western Theological Seminary in their new class on the technique and ethics of visiting the sick. "Action" is the name of a book of songs for boys and girls. Alfred B. Smith is the compiled and Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Igan, is the trade representative. Most of the songs require action and directions are given. Order from the Zondervan Publishing House or from the Baptist Book Store. The price is 35c.

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## Easter

Springtime is a time of resurrection and a renewing of life. In the world of nature plants and flowers and trees that have lain dormant all winter, blossom into life with the coming of warm winds and sun.

The Easter season named for the goddess of spring and light has been adopted by Christendom to commemorate the resurrection of our Lord. For Christians every Lord's Day should be a reminder of His resurrection and a time for searching our hearts. The ordinance of baptism also is symbolic of our own death to a life of willful sinning and resurrection to a life of service for God.

As the Easter season with its special services, music and flowers again reminds us of the resurrection of Christ, let us thank God for His gift which makes possible eternal life for every person in the world.

The days preceding the crucifixion were dark days and even the disciples did not realize the significance of His death or that He would be the Victor.

To the world WAR has brought dark hours and distress. Hearts have been broken and death has taken its toll. No person is unaffected by the tragedies of war. In times when the clouds hang lowest the Christian knows that physical death is not the end. But for those who do not know Christ as Saviour and Lord, eternity has loomed with the realization of the awfulness of eternal death and separation from God.

The price of God's love for the world was the death of His Son. Through Him many Christians of 1945 combat the evil about us. God's Word is sharper than a two-edged sword, but His Word has not been taken to all the peoples

of the world as He commanded in His commission, hence we are reaping the consequences of disobedience.

How many wars are ahead of America because she will not take seriously the commands of Christ? Will God take away from us that privilege granted us in the principle upon which our nation was founded . . . that every person has the right to worship, or not to worship God as he chooses? The responsibility to take the message of salvation to our next door neighbors, to the uttermost parts of the earth, even to our enemies is the individual responsibility of every person who bears the name of Christian. To some of them we must go personally; to others by proxy as we give of our means through the churches to send those whom the Lord has called for this definite missionary service beyond the borders of our land.

God grant that before another Easter season we, the people of America, may humble ourselves and may search our own hearts until peace may come to us as individuals and as a nation.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14.

## Paper Program Explained

March has been a difficult month for The Baptist Record.

As you know by now a general cut in paper consumption was ordered by WPB to take effect on January first. We heard rumors about it late in February. Upon investigation we found it true. Upon protesting that we had not been informed the WPB replied that they took it for granted that we would read about it in some paper.

Thus we were forced to make up for January and February. And this had to be done in March.

This week our circulation is 50,376. But our paper allotment is based on about 43,000 circulation.

In order not to deny the Record to those who want it we will hereafter have to have about one eight-page issue per month. But we believe you good friends of the Record will be willing to do this in order not to refuse the Record to some seven or eight thousand families as well as new names coming daily.

One eight-page edition per month will enable us to take on other subscribers up to about 55,000. If you have names that should be added, rush them to us. And if your church is not sending

## Hilbun Send Another

Further evidence that Enlistment Pastor Bruce Hilbun promotes a well-rounded program in the churches where he works is found in a recent letter enclosing the EVERY FAMILY list for Concord church, Smith county.

Evangelist Hilbun reports that during a recent revival, "Quite a number definitely agreed to tithe, there were many reconsecrations and they adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan. I am enclosing the names herewith."

Smith county now has Record readers listed as follows: BETHEL 12, Burns 1, GOODWATER 16, Homewood 9, LEAF RIVER 86, LORENA 33, MIZE 24, Oak Grove 9, POLKVILLE 28, RALEIGH 69, ROCKY HILL 12, SYLVARENA 46, TAYLORSVILLE 65, White Oak 4, Wilkerson Memorial 2, Sardis 3, CLEAR CREEK 15, Rose Hill 1, Sharon 1, FELLOWSHIP 29, PLEASANT HILL 21, MT. PLEASANT 16, TED 27, Clear Springs 9, MT. CARMEL 10, CONCORD 28.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

March 25

	SS	BTU
Calvary, Jackson	940	263
Griffith Memorial, Jackson	553	261
First, Jackson	1,000	234
Parkway, Jackson	447	155
Newton	218	
Brookhaven	483	101
Wellman, Lincoln county	48	72
Summit		132
Taylorville	137	87
Enon, Panola county	50	67
Daniel, Hinds county	135	71
Oldtown, Calhoun county	116	47
First, Laurel	533	107
Agricola	75	
First, New Albany	418	138
West Laurel	401	101
Roseland Park, Picayune	121	79
Crystal Springs	353	132
Liberty	142	58
Ackerman	129	
First, Winona	202	
Rocky Creek, George county	76	26
Bethlehem, Jones county	81	58
West Point	394	81
Hepzibah, Jeff Davis county	56	54
Cross Roads, Webster county	64	
Duck Hill	75	22
Oakvale, Lawrence county	65	55

March 18

First, New Albany	444	137
Unity, Jackson county	96	86
Fifth Avenue, Hattiesburg	396	126

## Pastor Urged To Observe Intermediate Day

T. L. Holcomb

We sincerely request every pastor and Sunday school superintendent to make plans at once to observe South-wide Intermediate Day, Sunday, April 29. This is not a departure from the regular Sunday schedule, but rather an emphasis in the interest of our younger sons and daughters.

We must not permit our deep heart concern for the noble men and women who are away in the service of our country to cause us to neglect these in our midst.

This is a great evangelistic opportunity!

the Record to those in the armed service, let us urge you to try it. Almost every day we have a letter from some homesick boy expressing thanks for the Record.

## My Favorite Sermon

Beginning soon The Baptist Record will publish a series of sermons entitled "My Favorite Sermon."

All Mississippi Baptist pastors have been asked to submit in brief form their favorite sermon. These sermons by Mississippi pastors for Mississippi people will be both helpful and interesting to Baptist Record readers.

They will present a cross section of the kind of preaching to which Mississippi Baptists listen Sunday after Sunday.

## COPIAH ASSOCIATION MEETS AT HARMONY

The Copiah County Association held its spring meeting at Harmony church, J. P. Bush, pastor, on Thursday, March 22. Among those on the program were: Rev. M. P. Jones, J. A. Travis, Rev. J. H. Street, Rev. A. B. Pierce, Rev. A. L. Goodrich, W. H. Smith, Rev. L. C. Hoff, Rev. J. T. Odle and Dr. W. A. Bell.

At noon the usual Copiah county hospitality was featured by a picnic dinner served by the host church.

## 15th Ave., Meridian Now Debt Free

The people of Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian, are rejoicing over a remarkable victory in Christian stewardship. On March 18, they brought 650 individual offerings amounting to \$6,500, for the purpose of completing the payment of the church debt.

One of the remarkable things about this is that there was no committee appointed to raise the money and no organized personal solicitation. There was simply a day set and such interest aroused that every interested member wanted to have a worthy part in this worthy undertaking.

In August 1942, the church refinanced the remainder of the debt on its building and borrowed enough to purchase a pastor's home, \$10,000. This placed the church debt at \$20,000 to be paid over a period of ten years. A consistent stewardship program, with 200 titheers enlisted, paid this down to \$12,800, and built up a reserve fund of \$6,700 against the debt. The insurance company, our creditors, consented to allow us to pay the entire balance on April 1, and the church set March 18 as "Pay the Debt Sunday." All offerings were to go to pay the debt. The people were asked to bring \$6,000 in offerings that day and they went over the top by bringing \$6,500.

In two years and eight months the church has paid a \$20,000 debt—more than seven years ahead of schedule. In addition it has built up an organ fund of \$3,100 and a building reserve fund of several hundred dollars for remodeling. A new Steinway grand piano has been purchased and a number of other additions have been made to material equipment of the church. How did all this happen? It was simply that God's people heard and responded to the challenge to bring God's holy tenth of their income to His house as He has taught in His word for the spread of His gospel. God's plan of financing His work is still the best plan, and the people of Fifteenth Avenue are trying to follow His plan.





# Baptist Training Union

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AUBER J. WILDS .....State Secretary  
MISS LOUISE HILL .....Associate  
MISS NELLA DEAN MITCHELL, Associate  
MRS. L. R. WILLIAMS, Office Secretary

Those of us who know Brother and Mrs. Gerald Riddell, who for some months were with West Laurel church, going in January to Colombia, South America, as missionaries, will be glad to know that they arrived safely and were received royally by the other missionaries and native Christians. In a general letter from the Riddells we learn something of the country, and especially the part they are in. "The Caribbean is in our back yard, and the beautiful Bay of Cartagena directly in front. We see bananas, coconuts, papaya, lemons and almonds growing all around us. There are many fruits and vegetables we have never seen, but we like most everything. . . . Prices! One American dollar will buy one pound of bacon, one pound of butter, two pounds of lard, or six pounds of flour." Those are just some of the interesting items. He mentions the fact that they are trying to learn the language but sometimes make mistakes, for instance they were trying to buy twelve boxes of soap and asked for twelve HAMS. They have an English service each Sunday afternoon. Brother Riddell has spoken in three of these and was thrilled at the last to have a fine businessman profess Christ, as he says, "Our first Colombian convert." The Lord will bless these servants as He has blessed others who have "taken up their cross and followed Him."

**Theme for Second Quarter:** Christian Individualism—A Basic Essential for a Better World. Lessons for the quarter will be based on the monthly theme as follows: April: The Worth of the Individual. May: The Rights of the Individual. June: The Responsibility of the Individual. You will enjoy studying and participating in these programs.

First Baptist, Biloxi, Training Union Bulletin continues to be an attractive sheet. The March issue gives interesting news items, also carries plans for the coming month which includes plans for study courses, and Associational Rally. Briefs from some of their boys away, and a helpful word of salvation by the pastor.

A report of the last meeting of the Jackson County Training Union reveals a good day at Kreole, 3:00 p. m., February 18. Some of those taking part on the program were Dr. J. H. Winstead, Dr. L. E. Green, Mr. Paul Kirke, Mr. O. B. Nelson, Mr. Joe Caronna and Mrs. A. F. Spears. We are indebted to Miss Gladys Quin for the report.

## SOME FOUNDATION LITERATURE READY

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## BUSINESS COLLEGE STUDENTS HOLD RETREAT

Miss Marie Hall, resident of the B. College, brought the introductory mes-  
sage for the B. S. U. retreat on the  
afternoon of March 6 at First Baptist  
Church, Jackson.

The following members of the coun-  
cil told of their respective duties in  
two-minute talks: Miss Nadine Mc-  
Charen, first vice-president; Miss  
Geneva Hisaw, third vice-president,  
and Miss Hazel Bowling, secretary  
and treasurer.

Guest speakers for the retreat were  
Miss Betty Jane Hammett of Bel-  
haven College, state B. S. U. president,  
and Benny Loyd of Clinton.

For the evening session a message

on "The World Reach of B. S. U." was  
given by Miss Betty Jane Hammett.  
"God's Best Gift" was the subject of  
Miss Betty Jane Hurt's talk. A season  
of prayer was held as "prayer mates"  
were selected and went to different  
rooms to pray. Rev. John C. Busby,  
associate pastor of First church,  
brought the closing inspirational mes-  
sage on "Stir Up the Gift."

The program was in charge of Miss  
Daunie Jean Smith of Belhaven, who  
has been meeting with the Draughton's  
B. S. U. since its organization a few  
weeks ago. Miss Elizabeth Draughton  
from The Baptist Record office was  
an invited guest.—Helen Lee, reporter.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Baptist pas-  
tors were on shouting ground Monday  
as record attendance records in 65  
churches cooperating in centennial  
simultaneous revivals showed more  
than 20,000 in Sunday school and  
more than 1,000 additions during the  
day. More than 500 were reported

namely, "The Charter and By-Laws,"  
"Information About the Mississippi  
Baptist Foundation," and "Have You  
Considered Our Religious Gift Con-  
tract?" Soon another will be ready,  
"The Will of the Lord in Your Will."

If you are interested in knowing  
more about this work, send your name  
and address on a postal card to the  
Mississippi Baptist Foundation, Box  
530, Jackson 105, Miss., and we will be  
happy to send copies of the pamphlets  
to you without obligation.

## New Radio Program Begins Sunday

A new Baptist Hour series to run  
through April, May and June, will be  
inaugurated next Sunday morning  
with Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of the  
Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis,  
Tenn., preaching on the subject, "THE  
RISEN LORD."

—BR—

We had 23 additions during our  
revival which closed March 16, at Enon  
church, Panola county. Our pastor,  
Rev. Claude Howe, did the preaching.  
—Mrs. J. C. Ledbetter.

for baptism during first week of re-  
vivals total more than 1,500. C. E.  
Matthews, Fort Worth, is leader.—  
Porter Routh, editor, Oklahoma Bap-  
tist Messenger.

## IN HOSPITAL---HELPS HOSPITAL

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND

DEAR SIRs:

Your Campaign Envelopes came to me as I lay in a hospital from a wound suffered on the Western Front. At no other time have I been so conscious of the excellent work being carried on by hospitals all over the world. We of course use foreign money over here but I was lucky enough to get an English pound (\$4.00) changed into U. S. currency, and am enclosing same in My Envelope and "My Buddy" envelope. Being in a hospital, away from my unit I am using my brother as "My Buddy" who is in India and it is very doubtful if he received your corre-  
spondence, thus missing a chance to help your splendid or-  
ganization. Please allow me to express my sincere wish for the  
success of your campaign and the very best of luck in the work  
you are doing.

Sincerely,

**L. N. SMITH, Jr., 1st. Lt. Inf.**  
**Jackson, Mississippi.**

P. S. Excuse writing please, as a machine gun  
bullet deprived me of a portion of my writing finger.

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# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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### MISSION STUDY SUGGESTIONS By Mrs. W. A. Bell

Three months of our great Centennial Year have passed. Let us stop and take stock of our Mission Study accomplishments and assets and see if we are equipped to meet the challenge of these remaining months. In the following paragraphs will be suggestions about books you may have had during these past three months, and others that you will want to consider.

We have a definite opportunity expressed in our slogan for the year, "Consecrating the Centennial to Christ." As mission study leaders we must be alert to prayerfully plan the study so that we may know the why and the how in preparation for effective Christian witness. The first two of our three goals will call for study in order that our centennial commitments will be attained.

(1) Concert of prayer and constant zeal for the lost.

A class in soul-winning methods is essential. In the leaflet "Two Win One" (may be ordered from Baptist Headquarters, Box 530, Jackson), Dr. M. E. Dodd suggests a number of soul-winning books for the "All-Church School of Evangelism." Any of these is good. In the April "Royal Service," page 6, you will find "Book Review and Study Suggestions" for "The Larger Stewardship," John R. Mott. You can get this from the Baptist Book Store, price \$1.00.

If you have not already had one of these soul-winning books in your society, try to have one as soon as possible.

All of our W. M. U. family must know methods and feel the responsibility of winning souls if we reach this important goal.

(2) Cooperative Program undesignated gifts increased \$500,000.

For years societies have been asked to study a book on stewardship sometime during the year. You may already have enjoyed "Give Ye," Means. (See study suggestions, February "Royal Service," page 6). You will note from Mrs. Lawrence's report a new book has been added to the stewardship list, "Stewardship and the World Mission," John Simpson. It may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store, price 60c. With the study of either of these books should come the enlisting of more and larger givers.

Miss Willie Jean Stewart has written helpful study suggestions for the latest Bible study book, "Thus It Is Written," Goerner, in the March issue of "Royal Service."

In Oklahoma City the southwide mission study committee requested that the book reviews and study suggestions in "Royal Service" be on the books that are being recommended and approved by the southwide mission study committee and that promotional articles on mission study be provided regularly. You no doubt have noticed that these pages are devoted to the books we are studying. I feel sure that they will grow increasingly helpful.

Another of the new series of books

on mission study history published by the Home Mission Board has come from the publishers and is at the Baptist Book Store. Its title is "Heroes of Home Missions," Willie Jean Stewart. It was suggested on the W. M. U. page of The Baptist Record, January 11, that the two books of the series already off the press be used in preparation for the Home Mission Season of Prayer.

If you have not studied these books, they would be fine for a church school of missions. The list follows with a review of the one just received. "Epochs of Home Missions," Joe W. Burton, price 50c for adults and young people.

"The Westward Way," Hickerson, price 50c, for Intermediates.

"Heroes of Home Missions," Willie Jean Stewart, price 40c, for Juniors.

Thrilling stories of the men and women who have made a century of Home Missions are these ten sketches by the favorite writer for boys and girls, Willie Jean Stewart.

Children will delight in "The Trail-Blazer," the story of Russell Holman and his pioneer work in New Orleans and as the founder of Southern Baptist Home Missions. They will be wide-eyed with interest in "The Apostle to the Creeks," a story of a real Indian told in the language boys and girls will understand. Another Indian story, "A Volunteer for Jesus," will please the young reader.

Indeed, Miss Stewart has made each character real as she has written in the language of children these stories of Home Mission heroes: "A Home Mission Statesman," Isaac Taylor Tichenor, the man who saved the Southern Baptist Convention; "A Born Leader," Miss Annie Armstrong, who organized women for missionary service; "A Boy Who Amounted to Something," R. T. Pollard, the great Negro theologian; "At the Immigrant Pier," the story of Marie Buhlmaier and her work with foreigners; "A Man's Job," C. D. Daniel's monumental work on Spanish fields; "Good Medicine," the story of Martha Sullinger and mountain schools and "Born to Preach," the record of a great evangelist in the heyday of Home Mission evangelism.

Since there is not one in this series for Primaries you can select one from the "World in Books." "The Traveling Story Hour," M. Katherine Harris, price 35c, is suggested.

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## MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE PLANS BETTER CARE OF GIRLS

Mississippi College is making immediate preparation for better care of the increasing numbers of young women who choose to come to Clinton to college. A modern and commodious dormitory is to be built as soon as practicable, but it may be some time before material and labor are available.

In the meantime, Jennings Hall is now being thoroughly reconditioned for temporary use by the young women. The rooms are being made into suites with a modern bathroom in each suite. New built-in tubs are already on the ground. All side walls are being re-plastered and celotex ceilings put overhead. Each girl is to have her own linen closet with ample shelving and hanging space.

Jennings Hall was originally built for boys, but since the boys have gone to war, the building has been partly unused and had gotten in bad repair. The reconditioning and painting and improving will put the building in fine shape for the temporary use of the girls and for the permanent use of the boys when they come back and when the girls can move to their new dormitory.

The present plan is to move all boys to the opposite end of the campus to Ratliff and Chrestman Halls. This will leave the east end of the Mississippi College campus and all of the Hillman campus for the girls and will provide them with accommodations as good as the best. A \$5.00 deposit reserves a place in the most desirable room not already engaged.

M. P. L. BERRY.

## Forest Plans Post War Bldg.

According to Dr. W. L. Holcomb, pastor of the First church, Forest, mumps is no laughing matter, but it does give a fellow a swell time.

While he "enjoyed" mumps, Editor Goodrich supplied for him on March 18. The house was full for both services.

Old-timers called our attention to the fine spirit. They are equally proud of the growing building fund of over \$11,000 to be used for building if and when.

Scott county is one of Mississippi's leading Baptist Record counties and now has subscribers listed as follows: COOPERVILLE 21, BETHLEHEM 33, Branch 3, FOREST 131, GOOD HOPE 42, HARPERVILLE 48, HILLSBORO 35, HOMEWOOD 12, HOPEWELL 15, LAKE 45, Line Creek 1, LUDLOW 45, MORTON 77, OAK GROVE 15, PULASKI 21, SPRINGFIELD 62, CLIFTON 58, PLEASANT RIDGE 14, Sevas-tapol 4, SARDIS 17, Liberty 4, Sand Ridge 6.

—BR—

We are to have a meeting for the field workers of Mississippi at Clarke Memorial College on April 3 beginning at 10:00 a. m., and continuing until 3:30 p. m. The noon meal is to be served free. We are expecting J. N. Barnette from the Sunday School School Board as one of the speakers. All district pastors, associational pastors and associational missionaries are to be present.—Kenneth G. Hall, secretary of the field workers.

Going Places is still embarrassed. Because of the rapidly growing circulation we have been unable to mention the churches that have sent EVERY FAMILY and official family lists. We are at least 100 behind. We had hoped to catch up by December but failed. We are printing this notice and asking our EVERY FAMILY and official family churches to be patient with us and we'll get there sooner or later.

I was with Pastor R. L. Harville and the Pittsboro church in their spring revival. There were four additions by baptism. The church is progressing. Cooperative Program gifts this year will triple those of last year.—E. D. Estes, enlistment pastor.

If you did not have time to send some of your eggs to the Orphanage for Easter, it is not too late, as the children enjoy them most any meal of the day, any day of the week.

Union, Walthall county: W. R. Barron has resigned as B. T. U. director and P. T. Breeland succeeds him.

Would you like to contribute enough money for the purchase of one or more pairs of shoes for some boy or girl of the Orphanage? You send the money, the Orphanage will supply the shoe stamp.

Rev. Riley Munday serves Union church, Walthall county, half time. As a contribution to the building fund he preaches each fifth Sunday and accepts no salary or expenses. The entire offering for the day goes to the building fund.

"The Battle of Armageddon" is a booklet of five sermons by Hyman Appelmann, well known evangelist. They are well worth reading and as do all his sermons, ring true to the gospel. The price is 25c and orders should be sent to the publishers, the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich., or to the Baptist Book Store.

—BR—

Four weeks ago, we had a good revival meeting with Friendship No. 2 church, Tallahatchie county. Rev. J. H. Pennebaker was pastor. There were seven additions to that church, two being by baptism, and a fine offering.—E. D. Estes, enlistment pastor.

Please be patient. The Baptist Record has on hand a large number of articles both long and short. So if your article does not appear as soon as you expect it, be as lenient with us as you can. We will get it in as soon as possible. Some articles have already waited six months. Eight instead of 16 pages severely circumscribes us.





## Rushing Coming To Laurel

Rev. H. J. Rushing, now pastor at Collierville, Tenn., has accepted the pastorate of West Laurel church and will move to Laurel about April first.

A native of Tate county, Rev. Rushing is 39 years of age. With the exception of Collierville, all his pastoral work has been in North Mississippi. During his eight and a half years as pastor at Collierville, he has led them from one-half to full-time



## Compere Comes To Northside

Rev. W. L. Compere, who has been pastor of the Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss., begins his pastorate at the Northside Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., April 1. Rev. Compere was graduated from Mississippi College and did his seminary work at the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans. He served as state evangelistic singer under the State Convention Board, and then two years as assistant pastor at the First Baptist Church, Laurel. Pastors include Taylorsville, Summerland, Ellisville, Franklinton, Louisiana; Belzoni, and Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian. North Jackson offers a great and challenging field.

### APRIL IS "CHURCH EMPHASIS MONTH"

(Continued from Page One)  
Mississippi Rural Life Council. They planned for this program to be presented to the people in the following way: The first Sunday in April will be "Family Sunday"; the following Sundays the emphasis will be as follows: Sunday school, young people, evangelism, and rural church Sunday.

Governor Thomas L. Bailey has written a letter to the people of Mississippi in which he says: "April is the month when many small town and rural churches renew their efforts to enlist the support of the people for Sunday school and church attendance. A strong emphasis on these will lead up to a victorious revival season for the summer."

"April will be a month when the price of World War II will be felt in every home in the state. It will be a time when every church should be crowded with congregations praying for victory and a lasting peace."

"The hearts of the people are being made tender by suffering and sorrow. They need courage, comfort and strength. The church can minister to them in this hour of need."

"Thousands of Mississippians are not affiliated with any church. This 'Come to Church' campaign can be used to enlist their interest and secure their support. They need the church and the church needs them. I would appreciate hearing of your success in this campaign."

Local church people can greatly aid in this program by calling upon the editors of their town and county papers to carry the advertisements which have been furnished them to

services. The membership has grown from 212 to 382. For eight years he has been clerk of the Tate County Association and has served one term each as secretary and president of the Memphis Baptist Pastor's Conference.

Rev. Rushing succeeds Rev. Gerald Riddell, who resigned to go to Colombia, South America, as a foreign missionary.

### BOY SAVED IN FENCE CORNER

(Continued from Page One)  
the fence corner, the corner of an old rail fence, and told God I felt awfully bad—awfully sinful—and that I wanted to be saved.

"If one must accept Jesus to be saved," I prayed, "then I accept Him."

There in a fence corner the Lord saved me.

That night—the text of the preacher's sermon I do not now remember—I walked down the church aisle and let it be known that the Lord had saved me.

I do remember the hymn they sang:

"Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night;  
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light;  
Jesus, I come to Thee."

The peace which came to me in the fence corner is in my heart until this day.

The week of February 26, Rev. R. A. Morris, pastor of First church, Newton, preached each morning at Stratton school. W. T. Moore is the superintendent. There were seven professions of faith.

aid in this campaign.

Some churches might wisely sponsor these advertisements themselves.

This is one opportunity for all of the churches to cooperate for bringing the multitudes into the church.



## Centennial Crusade

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### EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCES

The nine district evangelistic conferences were well attended by the ministers of the various sections of our state. The writer noticed a spirit of enthusiasm and determination that predicts success. Pastors everywhere are taking hold of the centennial program as the God-sent answer for Southern Baptists in this eventful period of world history.

#### The Time Is Now!

One fourth of the time allotted to this tremendous crusade is about gone. Have you accepted your part of the challenge, have you really done something about it? Many pastors are telling me that they intend to take hold of this opportunity in dead earnest, but time, privilege, and opportunity are rapidly passing. You must swing into high gear soon or it will be too late.

#### Associational Committees Attention!

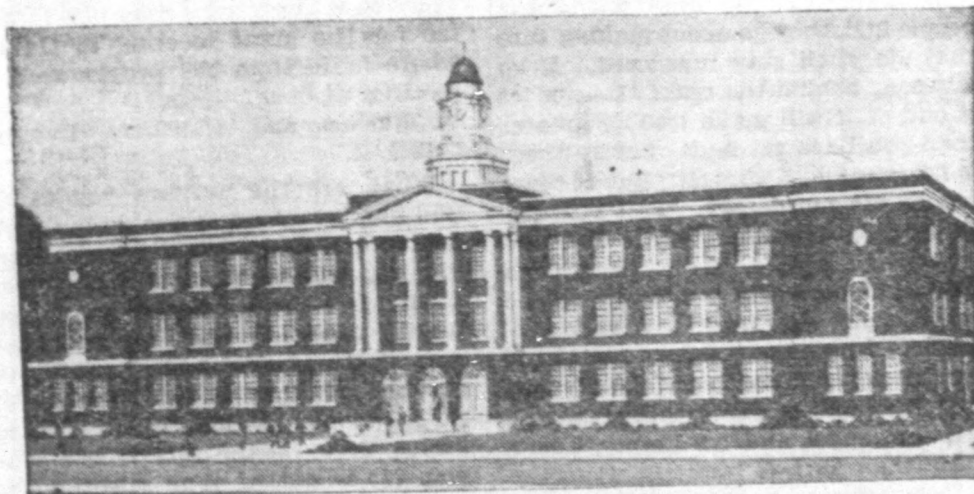
Associational crusade committees should do several things at once: 1. Meet and map out the territory of the association so that no spot will go unworked. 2. Pay particular attention to the churches that reported no baptisms for 1944. 3. Try and plan for associational-wide and city-wide revivals. 4. Ask all churches in the association to have extra revivals this year, each church having not less than two. 5. Ask the churches to excuse their pastors for more revivals than heretofore. 6. Ask all churches to have schools of evangelism and to organize a soul winning band. 7. Make use of young ministers and members of the B. S. U. in youth revivals. 8. Ask churches to sponsor branch Sunday schools, and mission vacation Bible schools. 9. Ask churches to sponsor a monthly visitation, going into all of the homes in the territory round about carrying gospel tracts and talking to people about Jesus. 10. Ask the churches to conduct enlargement campaigns in Sunday school and Training Union. 11. Ask churches to sponsor extension meetings in school houses, homes, brush arbors, under the stars, in halls, stores, market places, on picnics, on houseparties, etc. 12. Ask all pastors in your association not only to engage in but to ask and lead their people in the greatest program of personal soul winning that our denomination has ever undertaken. 13. Call all churches in your association to seasons of wrestling with God in prayer.

#### Youth Week

April 1 through 8 is Youth Week in the evangelistic crusade. Have you planned to take advantage of this week in winning and enlisting your young people? Act now!

#### Christian Home Week

May 6 through 13 is Christian Home Week. This is the time for the Sunday school and Training Union to do their best to secure many home dedications and family altars. Brother pastor, lead them in planning this week right now.



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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for April 1  
**PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH**  
 Bible Text: Matthew 27:57-28:10  
 I. Burial. Matthew 27:57-61.

Jesus of Nazareth is dead. His earthly life is ended. His enemies satisfied at last. They have heaped upon their enemy every imaginable indignity, have glutted their hatred with the slaughter of their foe. His suffering and shame, His agony of injury and insult are over now. From where His inert body hangs upon the cross, He has dismissed His spirit to God.

Joseph of Arimathea, a rich member of the Sanhedrin, and secret disciple of Jesus, now goes to Pilate and requests the body of Jesus that it might be given honorable burial. The request is granted, and the body is buried in Joseph's new rock-hewn tomb. This tomb is not a hole in the ground as we dig graves in the soil of Mississippi, but a chamber carved out of the rock in a rock hill-side. Bodies to be buried were not confined before burial as they are with us, but simply wound in a shroud and laid on the floor of the tomb, or more likely, on a rock-couch carved in the side of it. When the body is deposited inside, a stone shutter carved for that purpose is rolled before the entrance to the tomb, and the burial is complete. So Joseph buried the body of Jesus.

II. Vainly His Enemies Seal the Tomb. Matthew 27:62-66.

"The chief priests and the Pharisees were gathered unto Pilate." See these leaders of the people! Having now murdered the best friend the people had, they go about making sure that He shall stay murdered. Keep His body behind the rock! Do not let it out, or it will make trouble greater than you have yet had! Surely there is no terror in a corpse! But is there not to the murderer? "Lest His disciples come and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He is risen from the dead'; and the last error will be worse than the first." Which first error? Whose first error? "Make it secure as ye know how." And they seal the tomb of the crucified.

III. An Angel and an Empty Tomb. Matthew 28:1-7.

Two Marys, faithful followers of Jesus, come to see His tomb. It is early morning, and the women expect to see no one, but do expect to see the tomb, and the stone in place and closing the entrance to it. The women see what they are not looking for and do not expect to see. Is it not often so with us? We do not look to see the glory of the Lord, and there, all at once, it is flashing its splendors upon us and dazzling us with its thrilling brilliance.

IV. A Meeting and a Mission. Matthew 28:8-10.

"Fear not ye," said the angel to the women, and thus gave expression to a cardinal principle of our religion: It rules men and women not by fear, but by love. "Come, see the place." He had lain in the tomb, but was gone when the angel came, gone out through the sealed portal of the tomb, out by the unseeing guards, out into the rosy light of the dawn evermore to be accounted the first-

### MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

April 3—Rev. N. W. Carpenter, B. T. U. director, Adams-Franklin Association; Rev. J. L. Boyd, Committee on Social Service.

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April 5—Mrs. A. G. Felder, B. T. U. Director, Mississippi Association; L. L. Brown, Orphanage Trustee.

April 4—Mrs. A. G. Felder, B. T. U. Director; Rev. F. B. Bookter, Brotherhood Committee; Closing Program of Clarke College Preacher's School on April 6.

April 6—Mrs. J. T. Dail, Wayne County B. T. U. Director; R. L. Covington, Baptist Foundation Trustee.

April 7—Dr. John F. Carter, Winston County Missionary; Rev. R. R. Darby, Covington County Sunday School Superintendent.

April 8—Robert M. Ross, Woman's College Trustee; Rev. C. L. Quarles, Sunday School Superintendent for Deer Creek Association.

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fruits of them that slept.

"Go, and tell His disciples. . . . 'He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him.'" Their privilege was that of seeing the risen Savior first: their mission was to tell the disciples that they had a date to keep with Him, and that they must be sure to keep it. We all have a date with Him. How many of us will be ready to keep it without fear?

As they ran "to bring His disciples word," see what a blessed experience was theirs! They saw Him! Busy on a run to do His bidding according to the word of the angel, they met the Lord. Is it not so that we meet Him, when we are busy about His business? They were the arrangements committee for the great meeting in Galilee where more than 500 people were to see Him at once.

V. Author and Finisher. Hebrews 12:1, 2.

What are the weights you carry? Bad habits? A questionable business? Lot of associates whom you can not lift up, but who are dragging you down? Lay them aside. What is your "easily besetting sin"? Drinking to excess? Lying? Theft? Vice? Profanity? Backbiting? Lay it aside! Run the race God has set before you, remembering that the race is set before you. It is not of your selection, but it is set before you! God set it before you! Run it patiently. How do so? "Looking away unto Jesus." I tell you, it reads, "Looking away unto Jesus! Looking away! away! away! Away from everything and everybody else, unto Jesus. Away from all trouble, all uncertainty, all doubting, all lack of faith, all untoward conditions, unto Jesus."



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### More New Records

Laurel First church, Dr. L. G. Gates, pastor, Sam Lindsey, superintendent, set a new all-high Sunday school attendance on March 4 with 652 present, 332 of them being adults.

Also, the Fifth Avenue Sunday school, Hattiesburg, Dr. I. E. Rouse, pastor, W. A. Moody, superintendent, recently had their highest Sunday school attendance with 400 present.

Congratulations to the leaders of both these fine church schools in breaking all records in Sunday school attendance! It shows that it can be done. They told us that these new attendance records followed a period of intensive and well-planned visitation and personal contact. That will do it.

### What They Say

"Our individual training class has gone over splendidly, and I am mailing you today 41 sets of answers to questions in the books studied, with about a dozen others to follow soon," says Dr. H. L. Martin, pastor at Senatobia. Dr. Martin also states that the workers took this study seriously and received great benefit from it, with every faculty member of the Sunday school studying the book bearing directly upon his special duties. This certainly should bear much fruit in this fine school and church.

"We have just closed one of the most interesting Sunday school study courses at Brewer that it has ever been my privilege to teach," says Rev. Luther Turner, pastor of the Brewer church in Perry county.

Rev. E. C. Edwards, pastor at Baldwin, says: "We really did have a delightful time in our soul-winning courses in February. I do not think I have ever found people with more responsive souls than I found during that week we spent together studying about how to win lost people to Christ."

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says Dr. W. S. Hardin, Drew, "is going a long way on training awards this year. I have heard of several good classes. We are planning our greatest effort in the adult class in April."

Marion county associational Sunday school superintendent, J. A. Johnston, in sending in a report of his March 6 meeting, gave the following items that the ten churches represented at the meeting committed themselves to do this year: Take a census, 10 (churches); organize new classes, 3; have training schools, 10; visitation, 10; provide more space, 5; Vacation Bible school, 10; standard Sunday school, 3; organize extension department, 6; revival meeting, 10, with all working for a 35% increase in Sunday school enrollment.

### It's Here!!!

Yes, the 1945 packages of free Vacation Bible school literature have arrived. If you need some write us and we shall mail it to you at once. All the information necessary for planning your school for this year is contained in that package of literature. Now is the time to begin some definite steps toward your Vacation Bible school. This literature will help you.

Last year was the best year in our history in Vacation Bible schools. We broke all previous records in the number of schools held in Mississippi. We want to make 1945, our Centennial Year, even better.

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